

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
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13. (Currently amended) A method for producing a hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet, comprising:
 - (A) a step of sheeting fibers into a fibrous web, in which the fibers contain fibrillated rayon that comprises larger non-mircofibers ~~primary~~ fibers having a predetermined fiber length and smaller microfibers extending from the larger non-microfibers ~~primary~~ fibers and has a degree of beating of at most 700 cc, and
 - (B) a step of pressing the fibrous web ~~wet~~ under heat while the

surface of the fibrous web is wetted with water, whereby the smaller microfibers existing in the surface are hydrogen-bonded to at least either of other microfibers and other fibers therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a the hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 13, which includes a step (C) of processing the fibrous web through water-jetting treatment between the step (A) and the step (B).